

Fisher

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SENATE FILE 433

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Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting an employee to choose the care given under
2 workers' compensation medical benefits.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section eighty-five point twenty-seven (85.27),
2 unnumbered paragraph four (4), Code 1979, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 For purposes of this section, the employer ~~is-obliged-to~~
5 shall furnish reasonable services and supplies to treat an
6 injured employee, and ~~has-the-right-to~~ the employee may choose
7 the care. ~~The-treatment-must-be-offered-promptly-and-be~~
8 ~~reasonably-suited-to-treat-the-injury-without-undue~~
9 ~~inconvenience-to-the-employee-~~ If the employee employer has
10 reason to be dissatisfied with the care ~~offered~~ given, he
11 ~~should~~ the employer shall communicate in writing the basis
12 of such the dissatisfaction to the employer, ~~in-writing-if~~
13 ~~requested~~ employee, following which the employer and the
14 employee may agree to alternate care reasonably suited to
15 treat the injury. If the employer and employee cannot agree
16 on such alternate care, the commissioner may, upon application
17 and reasonable proofs of the necessity therefor, allow and
18 order other care. ~~in-an-emergency,-the-employee-may-choose~~
19 ~~his-care-at-the-employer's-expense,-provided-the-employer~~
20 ~~or-his-agent-cannot-be-reached-immediately-~~

21 Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on January first following
22 its enactment.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill allows an employee to choose his or her
25 practitioner for medical services as the result of an injury
26 which is job related. The bill will take effect on January
27 first following its enactment.

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